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OF THE

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TENNESSEE SYNOD,

HELD WITH

St. David's Congregation, St. David's, (in Powell's Fort), Va.,

AUGUST 19-22, 1915.

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TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT CONFERENCE.

Mt. Calvary, Stony Man, Va., Thursday, 10 a. m., before the 5th Sunday in July, 1916.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM FOR NEXT CONFERENCE.

Your committee suggests the following subjects for discussion at the next annual meeting:

1. The Numerical Strength of the Lutheran Church and the Possibilities Arising from this Strength—Rev. W. J. Finck, D. D., and Rev. O. W. Aderholdt.

2. The Importance of Catechization—Rev. W. L. Darr and Rev. M. A. Ashby.

3. Our Duty toward Church Schools—Rev. D. L. Miller and Rev. C. K. Rhodes.

4. The Ninth Article of the Augsburg Confession—Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, D. D., and Rev. I. Conder.

Respectfully submitted,
THE COMMITTEE.

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FIRST SESSION.

The Virginia Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod met with St. David's congregation in Powell's Fort, 10 a. m., August 19, 1915, in its sixty-third annual convention. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. I. Conder, followed by the Lord's supper. Then followed the formal opening of Conference with the regular liturgical service. Conference adjourned for recess and refreshments.

SECOND SESSION.

2 p. m. Devotional service was led by Rev. O. W. Aderholdt. Ministerial roll was called as follows:

MINISTERIAL ROLL.

Rev. I. Conder	McGaheysville, Va.
" J. P. Stirewalt, D. D.	New Market, Va.
" W. L. Darr	Edinburg, Va.
" M. A. Ashby	Shenandoah, Va.
" P. L. Snapp	Luray, Va.
" D. L. Miller	Mt. Jackson, Va.
" W. J. Finck, D. D	New Market, Va.
" O. W. Aderholdt	Manassas, Va.
" C. K. Rhodes*	Rockingham, Va.
" J. W. Hausenfluck*	Orkney Springs, Va.

ROLL OF LAY-DELEGATES.

Orkney Pastorate—Fenton Miller, St. Paul's; J. C. Lonas, Powder Springs; William Hepner, Morning Star; David R. Crider, Bethel (Wittig's).

* Absent and excused.

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Timberville—E. M. Minnick, Rader's; N. B. Holsinger, St. Paul's (Hupp); W. E. Brunk, St. John's.

Edinburg—S. A. Wilkins, Zion.

Shenandoah—Chas. E. Koontz, St. Peter's; Prof. J. M. Shuler, St. Paul's; W. L. Printz, St. Luke's; L. P. Good, St. James.

Mt. Jackson—J. L. Wellard, Solomon's; M. F. Pennywitt, St. Mary's.

Stony Man—L. H. Hoak, Beth Eden; D. N. Hoak, Grace.

New Market—Dr. C. O. Miller, Emmanuel's; John H. Kipps, Mt. Zion.

Rockingham—W. A. Crum, St. Paul's (Augusta).

Manassas—J. C. Whitmer, Bethel; C. O. Bittle, Mt. Zion (Nokesville); W. S. Sowers, Trinity (Elkwood).

Tom's Brook—L. B. Rinker, St. David's; Levi Coffman, St. Matthew's; J. W. Sheetz, Mt. Calvary.

Mt. Nebo—B. T. Hale, Mt. Nebo.

The President read his report which was received and referred to the proper committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Grace and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

DEAR BRETHREN:

With this convention we bring to a close the sixty-third and begin the sixty-fourth year of the history of the Virginia Conference of the Tennessee Synod. During all these years we have been making history, the history of the Tennessee Synod in Virginia. Of this little volume, although not finished, we, as laborers in God's vineyard, are very proud. To us, it is worth while. So much as not to be willing, at this time, to bequeath it to another with all its heritage, nor to allow another to complete it. God gave us the work to do. He has been with us. Good cheer and gladness have been our portion in spite of opposition, adversity, and tribulation. Everywhere are we reminded of the promise: "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

While the growth of the Conference during the year has not been all that we would like to have seen, yet it was substantial and encouraging. With the exception of one, the Tom's Brook pastorate, all the pastorates are supplied with regular preaching, also catechetical instruction for the young.

Confirmations for the year were one hundred and three. Infant baptisms ninety-one. Twenty-three congregations have Sunday-schools

with more than fifteen hundred scholars who are brought under the direct influence of the church through the literature taught. There are under catechetical instruction, as reported, two hundred and twenty-nine catechumens. One-fourth of whom, in all probability, will be confirmed during the coming year. Loss by death was fifty-three. It is the opinion of the pastors of Conference that the future outlook for their respective pastorates is fair to good.

For all purposes there was raised by this Conference, as reported, $7,095.21 by two thousand and eight active members. An average of $3.53 per member. Of this amount nearly one-half was paid by two pastorates, viz , New Market and Forestville.

It is to be deplored that our people are so indifferent towards the support of the work of the church in a financial way. If they could be brought to see and to realize its great importance, and that its support belongs to them as Christians in the service of God in the upbuilding of His kingdom we believe that the problem which confronts us at this convention would be solved, and that we could return to our respective homes feeling assured that the school and mission work of the Conference would be amply provided for during the next conferential year.

I take it for granted that the Conference is, at least partially, acquainted with the work done by the Shenandoah Lutheran Institute during the two years of its existence. Surely it has been such as to commend itself to every thoughtful and considerate member of this Conference.

The Board of Directors will make a full and complete report to this convention to which you are referred for more positive information concerning it in every particular.

The work of our missionaries in our mission fields, during the past year, has been very gratifying. Pastors Aderholdt and Rhodes and Mr. J. L. Morgan have been faithful to and made sacrifices for the work.

Mr. J. L. Morgan who was called by our Mission Board as an assistant to pastor Aderholdt has rendered most acceptable service among the people whom he was called to serve. So much pleased are they with him that they would like for some arrangement to be made whereby they can call him for permanent pastor next spring.

The new church at Catalpa is finished except for painting and the remodeling of the seats. It is hoped that this work can be done at once, and that all indebtedness and cost attached thereto which will be something like $150, if my information is correct, can be provided for in order that its dedication can take place this fall. A report from Pastor Aderholdt covering the entire field of work done during the year, will, I presume, be made to this convention.

I gave the following orders on the Treasurer of Conference :

1. To pay the salaries of Conference's missionaries.

2. To pay the sum of $200 to the treasurer of the Shenandoah Lutheran Institute.

3. To pay Henkel & Company for the printing of 1914 Conference Minutes.

In December, 1914, I received the resignation of Rev. J. S. Wessinger as Secretary of this Conference. I thereupon appointed Rev. W. L. Darr to succeed him.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. I would, because of its growth and importance, recommend the division of the Manassas mission field into two pastorates.

2. That if Conference can not make provision for the support of two pastors in this field, then it make application to the Home Mission Board of the United Synod for such aid as may be necessary.

3. That a committee be appointed to investigate the advisability of recommendations one and two, and if found practicable to make arrangements for carrying them into effect.

4. That those congregations which are delinquent in the payment of their conferential apportionments be advised officially by the officers of Conference of the importance of their cooperation, financially, in all of its work.

5. That, if possible, the Minutes of Conference be printed within thirty days after adjournment.

6. That Conference make provision for the continued support of its missionaries at Manassas and McGaheysville.

Now in returning to you the office which you gave me I can but acknowledge the uniform courtesy which you have shown me, and pray that God may guide us in our deliberations at this meeting, so that all that may be said and done may redound to His honor and glory.

Fraternally yours, M. A. ASHBY.

An election for officers resulted as follows: Pastor M. A. Ashby, President; Pastor W. L. Darr, Secretary; and Mr. C. S. Kerlin, Treasurer.

"The Individual's Relation to the Conference, Synod, and United Synod of which he is a Member," was discussed by Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, D. D., Rev. I. Conder, Rev. M. A. Ashby, and others.

Theological student J. L. Morgan, our assistant mission-

ary, of Culpeper, Va., and candidate for the ministry C. A. Kipps were received as advisory members of Conference.

The hours of Conference were fixed, 9 a. m. to 11 a. m., 1.30 p. m. to 4 p. m.

The President appointed the following committees :

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Unfinished Business—Rev. D. L. Miller, Wm. Hepner, W. A. Crum.

Treasurer's Report—Rev. P. L. Snapp, J. M. Shuler, David R. Crider.

Program for Next Conference—Rev. Wm. J. Finck, D. D., Dr. C. O. Miller, Rev. W. L. Darr.

President's Report—Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, D. D., W. S. Sowers, John H. Kipps.

School Board's Report—Rev. O. W. Aderholdt, Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, D. D., L. P. Good.

Letters and Petitions—Rev. I. Conder, B. T. Hale, D. N. Hoak.

Apportionment—Dr. J. P. Stirewalt, C. S. Kerlin, Chas. E. Koontz, Levi Coffman, E. M. Minnick.

Conference adjourned with prayer and the benediction by Dr. Finck.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, 9 A. M.

Conference was opened with devotional service led by Dr. Finck. The roll was called. Minutes were read, corrected, and approved.

Report of Committee on President's Report was received and considered, item by item.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

We, your Committee on President's Report, beg to report as follows :

We have read his report. We note that he has discharged his duties with an eye single to the welfare of all the work of this Con-

ference. His report shows commendable progress along all lines of church work.

Your committee recommends:

1. That this Conference approve all his official acts.

2. That his first recommendation be approved.

3. That his second recommendation be approved, and that the Mission Board of this Conference be instructed to confer with the Home Mission Board of the United Synod, provided it become necessary, in regard to this important work.

4. That the Mission Board of this Conference be the committee suggested in our President's third recommendation.

5. That our President's fourth recommendation be approved, and trust that the officers of this Conference will act promptly.

6. In reference to the printing of the Minutes, we recommend that the Secretary be instructed to make arrangements with the printers for the early publication and distribution of the Minutes after the adjournment of the Conference.

7. That his sixth recommendation be sustained.

8. That Pastors Aderholdt and Rhodes, our missionaries, be retained and supported in their present work.

9. That the Mission Board of this Conference be instructed to call Mr. J. L. Morgan, at the proper time, to return next spring to the work he now has. Respectfully submitted,

J. P. STIREWALT,
W. S. SOWERS,
JOHN H. KIPPS.

Recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 were sustained. The report was adopted as a whole.

Conference adjourned for divine service and noon recess.

FOURTH SESSION.

1.30 p. m. Roll was called. Rev. John Hall, missionary of the United Synod, of St. Petersburg, Florida, was received as an advisory member of Conference.

The Report of the President of the Board of Shenandoah Lutheran Institute was read, received, and referred.

THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF THE SHENANDOAH LUTHERAN INSTITUTE.

Friday, May 21, 1915, the second year of the Shenandoah Lutheran Institute came to a successful end. The teachers, W. J. Stirewalt, H. L. Seay, and W. J. Finck, were at their posts throughout the year. Assistance was rendered at different times by Dr. J. P. Stirewalt, Mrs. H. L. Seay, Mrs. W. J. Stirewalt, and Mrs. W. J. Finck. The enrollment rose to forty-eight, an increase of thirteen over the first year. Of the forty-eight, thirty-six were in attendance to the end of the school. The enrollment consisted of twenty-eight boys and twenty girls.

The school again enjoyed the free use of the Koiner residence for its class work. Beginning with the new year September 6, 1915, the sessions will be held in the Polytechnic Institute building in New Market, which the board has rented for two years with the privilege of renting it for five years. The trustees of the Polytechnic Institute have made many improvements in the building preparatory to our using it for our work. New floors have been laid in the two front rooms of the first floor, the plastering has been repaired, and the ceilings and walls have been painted. Ample blackboarding has been added. There will be room for a large number of pupils. The arrangements of the rooms are favorable for good work, but our equipments are not yet sufficient for the best of service, nor of such a character as to lend the greatest encouragement to study. Sixteen desks have been secured which will be a great improvement on the old ones in use. These desks are not new, but modern and as good as new.

The board has held many meetings during the year. The attendance of the members has been excellent, especially on the part of our three lay members. It was very rare that one of the laymen was absent. With their presence they also lent their best judgment to the work, and gave generously in contributions to sustain the school financially.

The expenses for the new year will not be as great as that for the past. But one of the two professors has been retained for the new year. A lady teacher for the lower grades has been appointed, and by this method it is hoped that equally good work can be done at a much smaller expense. The rental for the building constitutes an additional expense of fifty dollars annually. Instead of $1600, we shall need but $1300 for the new year, unless unexpected needs arise. The year has been a bad one for collections in our congregations, but the prospects for the new year are much better.

The school needs two things that should be mentioned in this report. (1) The acknowledgment of the school as a Conference

School with the corresponding co-operation in its work on the part of all the members of the Virginia Conference. By means of the annual Sunday-school convention the interest of our Sunday-schools has been enlisted to a commendable extent in giving a generous offering each year. The congregations have not as yet manifested an equal interest, but it is necessary. Each communicant in the Virginia Conference ought religiously to make an annual offering for Christian education. This will give our school the financial backing it must have. (2) The school also needs pupils, especially for the high school grades. We offer three grades in the high school this year; with the aid of Conference we hope to develop our school into a regular four year high school, beginning with September, 1916. We need pupils for these high school classes. With a nine months' course, this will fit our young people to enter the freshman year of the highest grade college without a condition. To these advantages, we add Christian instruction, with a Bible study in each class.

During the year one of our faithful members removed from the bounds of the Conference, the Rev. J. S. Wessinger. The remaining members are as follows: W. J. Finck, D. L. Miller, P. L. Snapp, Dr. C. O. Miller, Dr. W. P. Crickenberger, and Mr. E. M. Minnick. The Conference must elect a new board at this meeting.

Rules and regulations for the government of the board will be submitted to the Conference for consideration and adoption.

The Treasurer's Report is added as a part of this report.

REPORT OF W. J. STIREWALT, TREASURER SHENANDOAH LUTHERAN INSTITUTE, NEW MARKET, VA.

August 13, 1915.

RECEIPTS.

Balance carried forward, 1913-1914	$	6 07
Tuition collected to date		469 15
Conference appropriation		200 00
Sunday-school Convention appropriation		27 04
Contributions, Emmanuel church, New Market		511 50
" Emmanuel Sunday-school, New Market		22 65
" Rader's church		60 75
" Rader's Sunday-school		5 00
" St. Mary's church		10 50
" St. Mary's Sunday-school		4 00
" St. Paul's church (Rockingham county)		5 00
" St. Paul's Sunday-school (Rockingham Co.)		2 00
" Zion Sunday-school		5 00
" St. Paul's church (Page county)		14 00

Contributions, St. Paul's Sunday-school (Page county)	$ 10 00
" St. Peter's church (Page county)	2 75
" St. Peter's Sunday-school (Page county)	5 75
" St. Stephen's Sunday-school	3 75
" St. Matthew's Sunday-school	2 50
" St. David's Sunday-school	2 55
" Bethel Sunday-school (Dovesville)	1 60
" Morning Star Sunday-school	4 18
" Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck	1 25
	$1376 99

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid H. L. Seay, salary	$ 710 00
Paid Rev. W. J. Finck, salary	100 00
Paid W. J. Stirewalt, salary	530 00
Paid Henkel & Company	6 40
Paid, fuel account	10 96
Paid, chalk, postage, janitor, rent of desks, etc	17 89
Balance cash on hand	1 74
	$1376 99

Due Prof. H. L. Seay $100 00
Due Prof. W. J. Stirewalt 170 00

Respectfully submitted,

WM. J. FINCK, PRESIDENT BOARD.

The Treasurer made his report. It was received and referred.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

CHAS. S. KERLIN, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH
VIRGINIA CONFERENCE OF TENNESSEE SYNOD
FOR CONFERENTIAL YEAR, ENDING AUGUST 19, 1915.

DR.

To balance due Conference per last report		$ 361 73
Rev. Dr. Stirewalt's pastorate :	APPORTIONED.	PAID.
Rader's	$ 46 20	$ 46 20
St. Paul	16 50	16 50
St. John	7 70	7 70
Rev. D. L. Miller's pastorate :		
Solomon's	44 00	
St. Mary's (Pine)	25 30	25 30
Rev. W. L. Darr's pastorate :		
Zion	23 10	23 10
St. Jacob	11 00	
Salem	2 20	2 20

Rev. Dr. Finck's pastorate :		
Emmanuel	$ 55 00	$ 55 00
Mt. Zion	17 60	17 60
Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck's pastorate :		
St. Paul	27 50	
Bethel	6 60	6 60
Morning Star	11 00	10 00
Powder Springs	8 80	8 00
Tom's Brook pastorate :		
St. Matthew	27 50	25 00
St. Stephen	11 00	
St. David	9 90	9 90
Mt. Calvary	5 50	
Rev. O. W. Aderholdt's pastorate :		
Bethel (Manassas)	11 00	11 00
Trinity	3 00	3 00
Mt. Zion	3 00	3 00
St. Luke	2 00	2 00
Rev. P. L. Snapp's pastorate :		
Mt. Calvary	11 00	
Morning Star	14 30	13 00
Beth Eden	6 60	6 60
Grace	4 40	4 40
Rev. M. A. Ashby's pastorate :		
St. Paul	33 00	33 00
St. Luke	5 50	5 50
St. Peter	27 50	5 00
Rileyville	5 50	5 50
Rev. C. K. Rhodes' pastorate :		
St. Jacob (Bethany)	5 50	5 00
St. Paul	7 70	7 70
McGaheysville	2 20	2 00
Trinity	6 60	
Rev. W. P. Huddle's pastorate :		
Mt. Nebo	8 80	8 80
To amt. from W. S. Sowers (Trinity, 1913-14)		3 00
To amt. from R. H. Hammond (St. Stephen, 1914)		10 00
To amt. Conference coll. (Aged Ministers' Fund)		7 80
To amt. Conference coll. (Missions)		2 55
To amt. from O. W. Aderholdt (St. Luke, 1914)		2 00
To amt. from M. L. Hepner (Morning Star, 1914)		10 00
To amt. from Solon Bowman (Rader's, 1914)		42 00
Total		$ 807 68

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Oct.	3.	By amt. to M. L. Mauney (Aged Ministers' Fund	$ 7 80
Oct.	3.	By amt. to Rev. O. W. Aderholdt (sal.)	33 33
Oct.	30.	By amt. to Rev. O. W Aderholdt (sal.)	33 33
Nov.	5.	By amt. to W. J. Stirewalt, Treas . . .	100 00
Dec.	8.	By amt. to Rev. O. W. Aderholdt (sal.)	33 34
1915.			
Jan.	7.	By amt. to Rev. O. W. Aderholdt (sal.)	33 33
Jan.	30.	By amt. to Rev. O. W. Aderholdt (sal.)	33 33
March	3.	By amt. to Rev. O. W. Aderholdt (sal)	33 34
April	6.	By amt. to Rev. O. W. Aderholdt (sal.)	33 33
April	30.	By amt. to Rev. O. W. Aderholdt (sal.)	33 33
June	1.	By amt. to Rev. O. W. Aderholdt (sal.)	33 34
June	1.	By amt. to W. J. Stirewalt, Treas . . .	100 00
July	12.	By amt. to Rev. O. W. Aderholdt (sal.)	26 11
July	30.	By amt. to Rev. O. W. Aderholdt (sal.)	40 55
July	30.	By amt. to J. L. Morgan (salary) . . .	21 75
Aug.	14.	By amt. to J. L. Morgan (salary) . . .	28 25
Aug.	16.	By amt. to Henkel & Co. (printing) . .	29 35
Aug.	19.	By amt. to Rev. O. W. Aderholdt (sal.)	33 34
		Total amount paid out	$ 687 15
		By amount on hand	120 53
			$ 807 68

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. S. KERLIN, Treasurer.

The topic, "Home Missions," was opened by Pastor Aderholdt and discussed by Pastor Snapp, Dr. Finck, and others.

The President appointed the following as committee to nominate a School Board and a Board of Missions respectively :

1. Rev. W. L. Darr, Rev. O. W. Aderholdt, and John H. Kipps.

2. Rev. P. L. Snapp, J. C. Lonas, and Dr. C. O. Miller.

Conference then adjourned with prayer and benediction by Dr. Stirewalt.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 9 A. M.

Conference was opened by devotional service conducted by Dr. Stirewalt. Minutes were read, corrected, and approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

We, your Committee on Unfinished Business, beg leave to submit the following:

1. On page 14 we find that Conference appropriated $400 to the salary of the missionary at Manassas and $50 to McGaheysville. Have these amounts been paid? Answer, $400 paid Manassas missionary. No order received by Treasurer for the amount for McGaheysville.

2. On same page we note that Conference apportionments were to be increased 10 per cent. last year and a similar amount this year. Has this been done? Answer, yes.

3. On page 16 we find that the School Board of the Shenandoah Lutheran Institute asked that the time be extended for the completion of Rules and Regulations. Is the board now ready to report? Answer, yes.

4. On page 16 we find that Conference appropriated $200 to the Shenandoah Lutheran Institute and asked the board to raise the remainder among our people. Has this been done? Answer, Conference paid $200. Balance of $270 not all provided for.

5. On page 18 Conference requested Pastor W. J. Finck to publish in the *Lutheran Church Visitor* his sermon on "Vicarious Atonement." Did he do so? Answer, yes.

Respectfully submitted,

D. L. MILLER,
WILLIAM HEPNER,
W. A. CRUM.

This report was read, received, and considered item by item, and answers follow the questions. The report was adopted as a whole.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

We, your Committee Appointed to Nominate the Mission Board, recommend the following: Pastors W. L. Darr, D. L. Miller, and W. J. Finck. Respectfully submitted,

P. L. SNAPP,
C. O. MILLER.

This report was read, received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TREASURER'S REPORT.

We, your Committee on Treasurer's Report, beg leave to report as follows : We have examined said report, with vouchers, and find everything correct. Respectfully submitted,

P. L. SNAPP,
J. M. SHULER,
D. R. CRIDER.

This report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS.

We, the undersigned Committee on Letters and Petitions, beg leave to state that we have in our possession :

1st. A letter from Brother J. W. Hausenfluck in which he states that he does not think it prudent for him to attend this meeting of Conference.

2d. We have also a letter from Rev. C. K. Rhodes in which he states that he is very sorry that he cannot attend this meeting of Conference on account of his circumstances at home and want of means.

We recommend that both these brethren be excused.

3d. A petition from Mt. Calvary congregation, Stony Man, Va., asking for the next meeting of Conference.

We recommend that the next annual meeting of this Conference be held at Mt. Calvary, Stony Man, Page county, Va.

I. CONDER,
B. T. HALE,
D. N. HOAK.

This report was read, received, and adopted, as indicated, and as a whole.

Items 1 and 2. Recommendation sustained.

Item 3. Recommendation sustained, and the time fixed is Thursday at 10.30 o'clock a. m. before the fifth Sunday in July, 1916.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL BOARD'S REPORT.

We, your committee appointed to examine the Report of the Board of Shenandoah Lutheran Institute, beg to submit the following :

We have examined said report, and rejoice in the success of the school thus far. We commend the board for the interest manifested

and especially that of the lay-members. We examined Treasurer's Report attached and found same correct.

1. We recommend as suggested by the board that the school be acknowledged as a conference school, and that it be commended to all our people.

2. We recommend that the congregations, as such, of Conference be asked for an annual contribution for the support of the school.

3. We recommend that the attention of our people be called to the High School Department.

4. We recommend that the thanks of the Conference be extended to the Board of Trustees of Gideon Koiner estate for gratuitous use of their house for two years.

Respectfully submitted,

O. W. ADERHOLDT,
J. P. STIREWALT,
L. P. GOOD.

This report was read, received, and considered item by item.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4 were adopted, the latter two having been added by special motion.

The report was adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your committee, make the following report on apportionments :

Rev. D. L. Miller's pastorate : Solomon's, $48 ; St. Mary, (Pine), $27.60.

Rev. Dr. Stirewalt's pastorate : Rader's, $50.40 ; St. Paul, $18 ; St. John, $8.40.

Rev. W. L. Darr's pastorate : Zion, $25.20 ; St. Jacob, $12 ; Salem, $2.40.

Rev. Dr. Finck's pastorate : Emmanuel, $60 ; Mt. Zion, $19.20.

Rev. O. W. Aderholdt's pastorate : Bethel, $12 ; Trinity, $3 ; Catalpa, $3 ; Nokesville, $5.

Rev. M. A. Ashby's pastorate : St. Paul, $36 ; St. Luke, $6 ; St. Peter, $30 ; Rileyville, $6.

Tom's Brook pastorate : St. Matthew, $30 ; St. Stephen, $12 ; St. David, $10.80 ; Mt. Calvary, $6.

Rev. P. L. Snapp's pastorate : Mt. Calvary, $12 ; Morning Star, $15.60 ; Beth Eden, $7.20 ; Grace, $4.80.

Rev. C. K. Rhodes' pastorate : St. Jacob (Bethany), $6 ; St. Paul, $8.40 ; McGaheysville, $2.40 ; Trinity, $7.20.

Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck's pastorate : St. Paul, $30 ; Bethel, $7.20 ; Morning Star, $12 , Powder Springs, $9.60.

Rev. W. P. Huddle's pastorate : Mt. Nebo, $9.60.

J. P. STIREWALT,
E. M. MINNICK,
CHAS. E. KOONTZ,
LEVI COFFMAN,
C. S. KERLIN.

This report was read, received, discussed and adopted.

By motion, Conference requested that the offering at the morning sermon on tomorrow be given to our conference school.

The School Board which was instructed in 1913 to formulate regulations for the government of said Board of Directors of Shenandoah Lutheran Institute reported the following :

REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD OF THE SHENANDOAH LUTHERAN INSTITUTE.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This board shall be known as The Official Board of the Shenandoah Lutheran Institute.

ARTICLE II.—MEMBERSHIP.

The number and qualifications of the membership of the board shall be determined by the Virginia Conference of the Tennessee Synod.

ARTICLE III.—OFFICERS.

1. The officers of the board shall be a president, a secretary, and a treasurer. The officers shall discharge the usual duties connected with their respective offices.

2. They shall be elected by ballot to serve for one year or until their successors are elected.

3. The Treasurer may be elected from the members of the board or of the Conference. When not a member of the board he shall be an advisory member.

4. In case of the absence of any of the officers from a meeting, the members present can supply the place by a temporary election.

ARTICLE IV.—MEETINGS.

1. A meeting of the board shall be held in connection with the annual convention of Conference, or as soon thereafter as possible, for

the election of the officers of the board and of the Executive Committee.

2. The annual meeting of the board shall be held at the time of the commencement of the institute. At this meeting the Treasurer of the Board and the Principal of the school shall make written reports, and all business relating to the school shall be transacted.

3. Special meetings may be called by the President, or at the request of two members of the board.

4. A majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum.

5. The Secretary shall give notice of all meetings to each member in writing.

ARTICLE V.—COMMITTEES.

1. An Executive Committee, consisting of not less than three members, of whom the President of the board shall be one, shall be elected by the board. The President of the board shall be ex-officio chairman of the committee. Its members shall serve for one year, or until their successors are elected. Its duty shall be to carry out the plans and resolutions of the board entrusted to it, and in general to manage the affairs of the school between the meetings of the board and to control and care for the property used by the school. Of its actions the committee shall make due report to the board.

2. An Auditing Committee of two laymen shall be appointed whenever necessary to audit all financial reports presented to the board.

ARTICLE VI —THE TEACHERS.

1. The teaching force of the institute shall consist of a principal and teachers appointed by the board, or by the Executive Committee, between the meetings of the board.

2. The teachers shall have the privilege of organizing themselves into a faculty for the purpose of arranging a curriculum of studies in accord with the principles of the institute and the Tennessee Synod, of devising a schedule of recitations, of grading and promoting the pupils, and for providing for the daily management and all needs of discipline and order in the school.

3. All teachers employed by this board are required to give at least one month's notice before they can lay down their respective offices; and the board is hereby bound to give a similar notice before they can dismiss any teacher, unless such dismissal be based upon his or her incapacity, or unfaithfulness, or immorality, or except this rule be suspended by mutual agreement.

ARTICLE VII.—MISCELLANEOUS.

1. The President shall present a written report of the institute to the Conference at its annual meeting, and to the Board of Education of the Tennessee Synod before each synodical meeting.

2. No money shall be paid out of the treasury except upon the direction of the board or through the Executive Committee.

3. All tuition fees are due and payable at the beginning of each semester. No pupil can begin a new semester until all arrearages are paid, or satisfactory arrangements have been made with the Treasurer.

4. Vacancies in the membership of the board, made between the meetings of the Conference, may be filled by the remaining members of the board.

5. All alterations to these regulations must be formally sanctioned by the Virginia Conference of the Tennessee Synod.

This report was read, received, and considered item by item. Each item was adopted. The report was adopted as a whole.

Conference adjourned with the benediction by Pastor Miller.

SIXTH SESSION.

Saturday, 1.30 p. m. Devotional services were conducted by Rev. I. Conder.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM FOR NEXT CONFERENCE.

This report was read, received, and adopted. It is found in Directory, on second inside cover page.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

We, your Board of Missions, would report as follows :

We have observed with much pleasure the reports from our missionary at Manassas. They have indicated characteristic enthusiasm and progress in the work in that important field. So great was the demand upon the missionary for services at the four organized churches and outlying territory that he suggested to the board the advisability of seizing an opportunity to meet an urgent necessity, foreshadowed in last year's report and favorably considered by the action of Conference at that time, that on March 18, 1915, we held a meeting in Mt. Jackson and decided to call Mr. J. L. Morgan of the middle class in our seminary, to aid by concentrating his efforts in the Culpeper end of the territory. The salary of $50 per month was to be paid jointly by the congregations served and Conference. The board presumed

from the action of Conference last year that it would after this meeting proceed to secure the second missionary, and that the board's action would be sustained in securing a man to do a brief period of service as a test, so that at this meeting we could see some results and act more intelligently. We ask you to approve of our action.

We have received no report from McGaheysville.

By the resignation of Pastor Wessinger the Tom's Brook pastorate became vacant. The board has from time to time advised with members of this charge relative to securing a pastor. The President of Conference and a member of the board have conducted some services in this charge, the former holding communion services at St. Matthew's and St. Stephen's.

We recommend:

1. That the report of the Manassas missionary be read before open Conference and an excerpt be printed in our Minutes.

2. That in view of the indebtedness at Nokesville and Manassas, $400 be given toward the salary of the Manassas missionary.

3. That Conference provide for the salary of the second permanent missionary.

4. That all congregations receiving aid from Conference shall report membership, interest, prospects, etc., to the Board of Missions annually.

W. L. DARR,
WM. J. FINCK, D. D.
D. L. MILLER.

This report was read, received, and considered item by item. Item 1, approving board's action in securing for this summer an assistant missionary, and recommendations 1, 2, 3 and 4 were sustained. The report was adopted as a whole.

FROM MISSIONARY O. W. ADERHOLDT'S REPORT TO BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Church Interest—The developments in the field are encouragingly rapid. Members attend the preaching of the Word excellently. Also increasing interest on the part of others is apparent. The sacraments are duly recognized and received by the whole membership, with fewest of exceptions. At Manassas the congregation has recently revived by a constitutional requirement the ancient and very commendable custom of giving their names personally to the pastor prior to confession and absolution.

Increase in Membership—"This has not been as great as might be expected, mainly because we recognize the need of a better informed

Lutheran constituency in this day of theological confusion. Fourteen (14) have been added by letter and transfer, 1 by adult and 11 by infant baptism, making 26 in all."

Losses—"We lost two valuable men out of our Catalpa congregation by death, and at Nokesville one by moving away and two by death "

Teaching Agencies—"All our Sunday-schools are in good condition. Excellent superintendents and teachers at Manassas and Nokesville, and at Catalpa and Elkwood, where Brother Morgan has had charge, this department has far surpassed our highest expectations. The Sunday-school at Catalpa, where two years ago they were in the woods, now numbers over 100, an active part being taken by the entire community. We have large catechetical classes with attendance of many already confirmed. The class at Manassas for confirmation at the fall communion is the largest in the history of the congregation. Lutheran doctrines, customs, and practices are stressed at the Wednesday night services, which are well attended. As a result we are realizing the greater zeal and activity in all departments, because of loya'ty occasioned by knowledge."

Finances—The financial condition is encouragingly improving. This is attributable to the adoption of a more systematic, Scriptural method of giving. To accomplish this the weekly envelopes are used in all the congregations, except Elkwood, and practically every member *uses* them. Manassas paid on salary $125, and all of the $200 debt on the parsonage, except a few dollars which are pledged. Nokesville paid $85 on salary, and interest and $150 on their debt. And they gratefully acknowledge receipt of $95 from individuals of Conference in response to a circular letter sent out by the pastor. "This leaves them with a debt of less than $500 on their beautiful church, about $200 of which is subscribed to be paid in the weekly envelopes during the year." Elkwood paid salary for the year ending May 1st, $30; since then to Mr. Morgan $3.50 on salary. Catalpa paid on salary for the year ending May 1st, $32; since then to Mr. Morgan $13.35 They paid some on their debt of $54. They also bought a $93 organ, most of which is subscribed or paid, and two good stoves, also a pulpit and second-hand pews for their church. To finish it, including painting, will cost about $150. This they are anxious to do so as to dedicate it by this fall.

Miscellaneous—"All the congregations are well organized at present, right men in the right places so as to carry on the work. There is no trouble of serious nature to hinder. Harmony, unity, and earnestness prevail in marked degree, and a steady growth in piety and spiritual life. The prospects are ever brighter and more hopeful. But we still feel that there is too much work for one man. The ex-

periment of a second man this summer has been a success. It ought to be permanent."

A motion prevailed that the President appoint a minister or ministers to pay a friendly visit to the Mt. Nebo congregation which is loyal to Conference in all its work, but does not often get to see any of our pastors, it being acceptably served by Rev. W. P. Huddle of the Virginia Synod.

Rev. P. L. Snapp and Dr. Wm. J. Finck were appointed. By special motion, President M. A. Ashby was also included among the visitors.

A most hearty vote of thanks to the congregation and friends for their kind reception and royal entertainment of Conference was adopted and directed to be publicly expressed at the Sunday morning service. The second resolution in this expression of thanks was as follows: That Conference hereby expresses its appreciation of the kindness of the organist and singers in caring for the musical embellishment of all the services.

The Secretary was ordered to have 700 copies of the Minutes printed and distributed.

The minutes of today's session were read and approved.

Conference then formally adjourned to the time and place fixed for 1916, using the regular closing service.

M. A. ASHBY, PRESIDENT.
W. L. DARR, SECRETARY.

SERMONS.

Thursday, 10 a. m.—Rev I. Conder.
Thursday, 8 p. m.—Rev. O. W. Aderholdt.
Friday, 11 a. m.—Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, D. D.
Friday, 8 p. m.—Missionary J. L. Morgan.
Saturday, 11 a. m.—Rev. P. L. Snapp.
Saturday, 8 p. m.—Rev. M. A. Ashby at Dietrich.
Sunday, 10.30—Rev. Wm. J. Finck, D. D.
Same hour—Rev. P. L. Snapp, to overflow congregation.
Sunday, 2 p. m.—Rev. M. A. Ashby.

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TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT CONFERENCE.

St. Jacob's, Conicville, Va., Thursday, July 26, 1917, at 10 a. m.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM FOR NEXT CONFERENCE.

Your committee suggests the following subjects for discussion at the next annual meeting:

1. The Reformation an Educational Movement—Revs. P. L. Snapp and W. L. Darr.

2. The Sin against the Holy Ghost—Revs. J. W. Hausenfluck and Wm. J. Finck, D. D.

3. The Tenth Article Augsburg Confession—Revs. L. L. Huffman and C. K. Rhodes.

4. What Makes a Member of the Church? Does membership belong to the form or to the essence of the church?—Rev. I. Conder and E. Z. Pence.

5. The Importance of Catechization—Revs. P. L. Snapp and M. A. Ashby.

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FIRST SESSION.

The Virginia Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod met with Mt. Calvary congregation, Stony Man, Va., Rev. P. L. Snapp, pastor, July 27, 1916, 11 a. m., in its sixty-fourth annual convention. The opening sermon was preached by Pastor J. W. Hausenfluck, from John 7, 46; followed by the Lord's supper. A recess was then taken for refreshments.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, 2 P. M.

A brief devotional service was led by Pastor Darr. The President formally opened Conference with the regular liturgical service. Ministerial roll was called, and lay-delegates enrolled.

MINISTERIAL ROLL.

Rev. I. Conder	McGaheysville, Va.
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" Wm. J. Finck, D. D	New Market, Va.
" C. K. Rhodes	Rockingham, Va.
" L. L. Huffman	Tom's Brook, Va.

ROLL OF LAY-DELEGATES.

Edinburg Pastorate—C. L. Hockman, Salem; Tucker D. Foltz, Zion.

Manassas—D. A. Griffith, St. Luke (Catalpa); W. S. Sours, Trinity (Elkwood); Albert A. May, Bethel.

New Market—Henry M. Henkel, Emmanuel; Lewis S. Pence, Mt. Zion.

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Rockingham—Walter Daggy, St. Paul (Augusta); D. F. Miller, Trinity.

Shenandoah—P. J. Keyser, St. James; J. Frank Huffman, St. Luke (Alma); Prof. J. M. Shuler, St. Paul.

Stony Man—E. Luther Price, Mt. Calvary; Geo. W. Price, Morning Star; I. B. Hoak, Grace.

Tom's Brook—John W. Sheetz, Mt. Calvary; Geo. R. Golladay, St. David; Moses W. Barb, St. Matthew; Geo. D. Baker, St. Stephen.

Conference's missionary at Manassas, Mr. E. Z. Pence, not being ordained, was made an advisory member of Conference.

The President read his report which was referred to the proper committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

DEAR BRETHREN:

Again, in the providence of Almighty God, we are permitted to meet in annual convention of our Conference. In so doing, we would lift our hearts in humble gratitude to him for the manifold blessings we have received, both in church and home. Truly we have much for which to be thankful.

By confirmations and infant baptisms, our Conference continues to grow, numerically. Those under catechetical instruction exceed those in number of one year ago, while those in attendance upon Sunday-school instruction are equally as encouraging.

The pastors all have been faithful in the discharge of their pastoral duties. With but few exceptions, all regular appointments have been met. Excepting one, every congregation of the Conference received the holy communion at least twice during the year.

The amount of money raised, for all purposes, is not equal to that of the preceding year, yet the offerings for benevolent purposes by some of the congregations are exceedingly commendable, while on the other hand there are a few congregations which have not given anything, not even paid their pastor's salary. It is to be deplored that we have such, but we have, and, I presume, always will. Their final reward is not with us, but with God. He has given them his talents to use. They will have to answer for their stewardship when the talents are returned.

On November 8th, I received the resignation of the Rev. O. W.

Aderholdt as missionary pastor of the Manassas mission, and on December 26th the resignation of the Rev. D. L. Miller, as pastor of the Forestville pastorate, was received.

On November 14th, the Rev. L. L. Huffman, of Gastonia, N. C., received and accepted a call to the pulpit of the Tom's Brook pastorate. He began pastoral service on the third Sunday in the same month.

Mr. Edgar Z. Pence, a recent graduate of the Chicago Seminary, began work in the Manassas mission field on the first Sunday in June.

The Forestville pastorate is yet vacant. A call to its pulpit, however, has been given to one of our Synod's pastors, who, up to this date, has arrived at no definite conclusion, as to its acceptance.

The Board of Directors of the Shenandoah Lutheran Institute will make a full and complete report to this convention, to which you are referred for further information. The Board of Missions will also make a report to this convention, which report, I presume, will give you full information relative to the dedication of the new church at Catalpa, as well as to all other matters pertaining to the work.

OFFICIAL ACTS.

At the request of three pastors, who were members of this Conference, and upon the invitation of the pastor and council of Rader's congregation, on the 9th day of February I instructed the Secretary to call a special meeting of this Conference to convene in Rader's church on February 26th, for the purpose of considering matters of vital importance relating to the Shenandoah Lutheran Institute and the Manassas Mission.

Upon the resignation of the Rev. D. L. Miller, as a member of the Board of Missions, I appointed the Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, D. D., to succeed him as a member of said board.

I gave the following orders on the Treasurer of Conference, viz.:

1. To pay the salaries of missionaries Revs. O. W. Aderholdt, C. K. Rhodes, and Mr. E. Z. Pence.

2. To pay Mr. J. L. Morgan, balance due on salary for year 1915.

3. To pay Treasurer Tennessee Synod amount of Conference's scholarship fees to Lenoir College for the years 1914-15 and 1915-16.

4. To pay Henkel & Company for printing Conference's minutes for 1915.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That separate apportionments be made for the various works supported by this Conference.

2. That instead of congregational apportionments, as at present, that a capitation per membership, as per the minutes of the last meeting of Synod, be made.

3. That this Conference take some action, by resolution or other-

wise, by which it can assist the various pastors in raising the benevolence of the Conference and Synod.

Now brethren, in returning to you this office with which you have twice honored me in succession, allow me to express to you my profound appreciation for the confidence and trust you have imposed in me. Also would I acknowledge the uniform courtesy which has been shown me, by one and all.

May God so guide us in the deliberations of this meeting that all that may be said and done will redound to our good and to his honor and glory. Fraternally yours, M. A. ASHBY.

The annual election of officers resulted as follows: Pastor M. A. Ashby, President; Pastor W. L. Darr, Secretary; Mr. C. S. Kerlin, Treasurer.

The first subject on program, "The Numerical Strength of the Lutheran Church and the Possibilities Arising from this Strength," was discussed by Dr. Finck and Missionary Pence and others, showing this numerical strength in the world about 75,000,000; in America 2,404,618; in United Synod 54,988; Tennessee Synod 14,440.

The President appointed the following committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. *Unfinished Business*—Rev. W. J. Finck, D. D., Geo. W. Price, D. F. Miller.

2. *Treasurer's Report*—Rev. L. L. Huffman, George A. Baker, Henry M. Henkel.

3. *Program for Next Conference*—Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, D. D., Rev. W. J. Finck, D. D., Rev. P. L. Snapp.

4. *President's Report*—Rev. W. J. Finck, D. D., J. C. Lonas, I. B. Hoak.

5. *Board of Mission's Report*—Rev. P. L. Snapp, Rev. L. L. Huffman, Tucker D. Foltz, J. C. Lonas, Geo. R. Golladay.

6. *School Board's Report*—Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, D. D., Rev. L. L. Huffman, Jacob L. Funkhouser.

7. *Letters and Petitions*—Rev. I. Conder, Tucker D. Foltz, E. Luther Price.

8. *Finance*—Rev. P. L. Snapp, Rev. L. L. Huffman, C. S. Kerlin, P. J. Keyser, C. L. Hockman.

The hours of Conference were fixed 9 to 11 a. m., and 1.30 to 4 p. m.

Conference adjourned with benediction by Pastor Hausenfluck.

At 8 p. m. Pastor C. K. Rhodes preached from Heb. 2, 3.

THIRD SESSION.

JULY 28, 9 A. M.

Conference was opened with devotional exercises conducted by Dr. Stirewalt.

The roll was called and new arrivals enrolled. Minutes of yesterday's session were read, corrected, and approved.

The Chairman of the School Board read his report which was referred to the proper committee.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE OFFICIAL BOARD OF THE SHENANDOAH LUTHERAN INSTITUTE.

Friday, May 19, 1916, our Conference school, the Shenandoah Lutheran Institute, closed its third year. It was the first session held in the Polytechnic Institute, New Market, Va., and it was found that the building served the purposes of our work very satisfactorily. The trustees of the Polytechnic Institute laid new floors in both the two main class rooms on the first floor, and painted the walls, ceiling, and woodwork of these two rooms. Sixteen new desks were added. These improvements helped very much to make our work successful.

The attendance for the year was the same as last in numbers, but yet it was noticeable that the pupils formed a more substantial student body than in any previous year, and the number of scholars that faithfully continued their studies to the end of the term was larger than heretofore. All classes were represented in the school, with seven grades in the primary and intermediate departments and three classes in the high school department. Provision should be made for the fourth year in the high school beginning with September, as the members of the third year completed their course *magna cum laude*, and should be given the opportunity of continuing their studies.

Our teachers for the past year have been five in number; namely, Prof. W. J. Stirewalt, principal; Mrs. C. W. Bennick, primary and intermediate grades; Mrs. W. J. Finck, English and Geometry; W. J. Finck, German, Rhetoric, and Algebra; Dr. C. O. Miller, Science. All the teachers served with remarkable regularity; while sickness interrupted the work of a large number of pupils, the teachers were blessed with unfailing health during the whole term.

Prof. W. J. Stirewalt again served the board as treasurer throughout the year. From his annual report, we incorporate the following summary for the information of Conference:

RECEIPTS.

Balance cash on hand August 17, 1915	$	1 74
Subscriptions, Emmanuel church		545 50
" Solomon's church		13 40
" St. Mary's (Pine) church		11 56
" Rader's church		36 75
" Powder Springs church		2 94
" Morning Star church		2 00
" St. Stephen's church		1 50
" St. Matthew's church		4 00
" St. Paul's church (Shenandoah county)		3 10
" Emmanuel Sunday-school		31 00
" St. Paul's (Hupp) Sunday-school		2 00
" Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck		2 00
" Rev. W. L. Darr		5 00
" Conference Offerings		5 00
" Sunday-school Convention		2 41
" Trustees G. Koiner Estate Fund		250 00
Tuition Fees		565 50
Total	$	1485 40

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid H. L. Seay, salary, 1914-1915	$	90 00
Paid W. J. Stirewalt, salary, 1914-1915		170 00
Paid salaries, 1915-1916		1119 50
Paid rent of building		50 00
Paid printing and advertising		9 30
Paid sundry expenses		26 25
Balance cash on hand		20 35
	$	1485 40

These figures are not altogether discouraging. They show that sufficient funds were secured to pay all the expenses of operation for the whole of the past year, and in addition that it was possible to reduce last year's deficit of $270 to $198, a reduction of $72. This latter sum will be increased to $94 by the collectible tuition still due. The generous contribution of the trustees of the Gideon Koiner Estate Fund materially aided in bringing about this favorable condition.

There has been an increase of $96 in the amount of tuition received this year over the past year, and this sum will be increased to $118 by the collectible tuition still due.

It is noticeable that our Sunday-schools have not responded this

past year as heretofore. It is hoped that our pastors will endeavor to secure these offerings as the money is needed for the work, and beyond that the school needs the interest and cooperation of all the members of the Conference, young and old. But few of the congregations have answered our appeal for help, but several of the pastors have given individual subscriptions, which act of cooperation is much appreciated by the board.

At the special meeting of the Conference, held in Rader's church, February 26, 1916, it was decided to continue the school to the close of the current year, and then report to Conference. The board carried out these instructions, and is awaiting the action of the Conference at this meeting. Locally the interest is on the increase. There is an excellent spirit among the students, and it is evident that they are very desirous for the continuance of the school. The patrons too are looking forward for favorable action on the part of the Conference. The board has not taken any action on the question of continuance, as that lies in the province of the Conference; however, it is but just to say that the members of the board are interested in the work and desire to see it continue.

If the Conference decides to continue the school, it will be necessary to elect the seven members of the Official Board, three laymen and four ministers.

At the end of February, 1916, the Rev. D. L. Miller moved from the bounds of the Conference and resigned as secretary of the board. The board did not fill the vacancy.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. J. FINCK, PRESIDENT OF BOARD.

Rev. J. A. Huffard, President of the Virginia Synod, was received as an advisory member, and at 10.40 a. m. he addressed Conference in a very pleasing manner. He proposed a Joint Virginia Valley Lutheran Quadri-Centennial Celebration of the German Reformation, and asked that we appoint a committee to cooperate with the Virginia Synod's committee in arranging for the same.

Conference heard the Report of the Board of Missions and referred it to the committee on same.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST:

It now becomes our duty to submit to you the annual report of your Board of Missions, and we present the following:

The Manassas Mission. This is the most important work within the province of this board, and has demanded no little thought and concern.

The work seemed to move slowly but smoothly and surely under the pastorate of Pastor O. W. Aderholdt who, although he had received a call to North Carolina before our last annual conference, had consented to continue as our missionary. But October 15th, to our surprise and regret, we received his resignation, to become effective the last of that month. In order to make the vacancy as brief as possible, we at once began an earnest effort to find and secure his successor. To this end extensive inquiry and correspondence was carried on, and a couple formal calls were extended, hoping to secure a good active and acceptable pastor, one of some experience, ordained and married, was preferred. For this the salary we could offer appeared inadequate where otherwise we might have succeeded.

Finally at the close of the seminary year the board, having been unable to secure a man of experience, etc., such as hitherto hoped for, unanimously recommended that the congregations consent to call a young man. To this they agreed. And an effort was made to secure Mr. Edgar Z. Pence, just graduating at the Chicago Seminary. He being under some obligation to our United Synod Foreign Mission Board could only consent to serve at present as supply. The Conference Board cooperated with the congregations in forming such an arrangement with Brother Pence, and agreed that Conference would contribute toward his salary at the rate of $400 per year, or $33⅓ per month for the time served. And he took charge of the mission the first of June, 1916.

From time to time he has submitted reports of the encouraging and the discouraging features of the work. Two members of the board have been with Bro. Pence, each holding communions at two churches of the mission, and we believe he is much liked and is doing good work.

They have put city water and lights in the parsonage at a cost of about $150. It is rented out at present.

Catalpa. Embracing the 4th Sunday in October, Pastor Aderholdt arranged for Pastors D. L. Miller and W. L. Darr, members of the board, to take part in the laying of the corner-stone and dedication of their neat new church. This they did, and it was a joyous occasion in the history of this youthful congregation.

Gordonsville. President M. A. Ashby informed the board that he had organized a congregation in this important town early this spring with good nucleus of charter members who have purchased a lot and pledged $150 per year on salary for once per month service.

McGaheysville. From this point we have received no report. (See Min. 1915, p. 18, Recommendation No. 4 which has also been overlooked by the Manassas mission.)

Tom's Brook. This pastorate has since our last annual meeting

secured as their pastor the Rev. L. L. Huffman who is very acceptably serving them, we are glad to state.

Forestville. But we regret the vacancy in this pastorate occasioned by Pastor D. L. Miller having accepted a call to Henry, N. C., effective the first of April.

His change caused a vacancy much to be regretted by the Board of Missions. But the remaining members of the board are pleased to have had associated with us in his stead, by the appointment of the President, our good Dr. J. P. Stirewalt.

We recommend :

1. That provision be made for Gordonsville congregation to have service.

2. That if possible Conference provide for a second missionary, to be located at Culpeper to organize and work there, if found expedient ; and also to have charge of Gordonsville, Elkwood, and Catalpa. But in the meantime

3. That Conference appropriate $450 on salary for the incoming year for the Manassas mission, and that the mission be urged to pay at least $350 on salary.

4. That, because of the hurtful effect of prolonged vacancies, the Forestville pastorate be urged to secure a regular pastor at the earliest possible date.

5. That recommendation No. 4 of Report of Mission Board, 1915, be reiterated with the additional item "acceptability of pastor" after "prospects"; which will then read, we recommend, 4. That all congregations receiving aid from Conference shall report membership, interest, prospects, acceptability of pastor, etc., to the Board of Missions annually.

6. That Missionary Pence's last report be read in open Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. DARR,
WM. J. FINCK,
J. P. STIREWALT.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made its report. It was received for consideration item by item.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

1. On page 14 we notice that it is recommended by Conference that the congregations be asked for an annual offering for the support of the Conference school, the Shenandoah Lutheran Institute, and the attention of our people be called to the High School Department of the school. Has this been done?

2. On page 15 it is recorded that the offerings of the Sunday morning service be given to the Conference School. Was this done?

3. On page 17 it is said that Conference is to provide jointly for the salary of the assistant missionary in the Manassas charge. Was this done, and has the obligation been met by both parties?

4. On page 18, it is recommended that Conference provide the salary for a second permanent missionary for the Manassas charge. What has been done in this matter?

5. On page 20, it is recorded that a committee, consisting of the brethren P. L. Snapp, W. J. Finck, and M. A. Ashby, was instructed to pay Mt. Nebo congregation a friendly visit. Was this done?

The chairman of the committee has read the minutes of the special meeting of Conference held in February, but found no items of unfinished business not mentioned in the above list.

WM. J. FINCK,
J. C. LONAS,
D. F. MILLER.

Answers to
Item 1. In part.
Item 2. Yes.
Item 3. Yes.
Item 4. Nothing has been done.
Item 5. No. The report was adopted as a whole.

Conference adjourned, and Rev. L. L. Huffman preached from James 4, 26, 27.

FOURTH SESSION.

1.30 O'CLOCK P. M.

Devotional service was conducted by Rev. I. Conder. Roll was called. New arrivals were enrolled.

The Report of Committee on School Board's Report was submitted and received for consideration item by item.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL BOARD'S REPORT.

We, your committee appointed to examine the Report of the Board of Shenandoah Lutheran Institute, beg to submit the following :

We have examined said report, and we are proud of the success the school has thus far attained. We commend the board and teachers for their interest and successful management of the same. We examined the Treasurer's report and found same correct.

1. We recommend that Conference continue the school.

2. We recommend that Conference devote the offering Sunday morning to our Conference school.

3. We recommend that provision be made for the fourth year in the high school at once.

4. We recommend that something be done, that the interest of the people may be enlisted to a greater extent.

5. We beg to submit the following nomination for the School Board: Rev. Dr. W. J. Finck, Rev. W. L. Darr, Rev. L. L. Huffman, Rev. P. L. Snapp, Dr. C. O. Miller, Dr. W. P. Crickenberger, Mr. E. M. Minnick.

6. We recommend that the thanks of Conference be extended to those who have in any way assisted the school during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. STIREWALT,
L. L. HUFFMAN,
JACOB L. FUNKHOUSER.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, sustained. Report was recommitted for change of item 5 which when done nominated the School Board as indicated in their report and was adopted and the nominees elected. Item 6 was adopted, and it was adopted as a whole.

Saturday 10 a. m. was made a special order to consider the matter suggested by Pastor Huffard. (See page 7).

The Committee on President's Report submitted the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

We your committee wish to state that we have carefully examined the President's Report. We note with interest the progress of our Conference outlined in his message and we submit the following for the consideration of Conference.

1. We recommend that all the official acts of the President be approved.

2. We recommend that in the future the Apportionment Committee give a budget of the various works of Conference to which the funds of the Conference are to be devoted.

3. We recommend that for this year the annual apportionment to each congregation be left to the judgment of the Apportionment Committee, and that the subject of a capitation rate per membership be discussed at the next convention of Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. J. FINCK,
J. C. LONAS,
I. B. HOAK.

Items 1, 2, 3 were adopted. The report was adopted as a whole.

The Treasurer submitted the following report which was received and referred to the proper committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

CHAS. S. KERLIN, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH
VIRGINIA CONFERENCE OF TENNESSEE SYNOD
FOR CONFERENTIAL YEAR ENDING JULY 27, 1916.

DR.

To balance due Conference per last report		$ 120 53
Rev. Dr. Stirewalt's pastorate:	APPORTIONED.	PAID.
Rader's	$ 50 40	$ 50 40
St. Paul	18 00	16 00
St. John	8 40	8 40
Forestville pastorate:		
Solomon's	48 00	
St. Mary (Pine)	27 60	27 60
Rev. W. L. Darr's pastorate:		
Zion	25 20	25 20
St. Jacob	12 00	
Salem	2 40	2 40
Rev. Dr. Finck's pastorate:		
Emmanuel	60 00	55 00
Mt. Zion	19 20	19 20
Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck's pastorate:		
St. Paul	30 00	
Bethel	7 20	
Morning Star	12 00	10 00
Powder Springs	9 60	8 00
Rev. L. L. Huffman's pastorate:		
St. Matthew	30 00	25 00
St. Stephen	12 00	10 00
St. David	10 80	10 80
Mt. Calvary	6 00	6 00
Missionary E. Z. Pence's pastorate:		
Bethel (Manassas)	12 00	11 00
Trinity	3 00	3 00
Catalpa	3 00	2 50
Nokesville	5 00	
Rev. P. L. Snapp's pastorate:		
Mt. Calvary	12 00	12 00
Morning Star	15 60	15 60
Beth Eden	7 20	7 20
Grace	4 80	4 80

Rev. M. A. Ashby's pastorate:		
St. Paul	$ 36 00	$ 33 00
St. Luke	6 00	6 00
St. Peter	30 00	
Rileyville	6 00	6 00
Rev. C. K. Rhodes' pastorate:		
St. Jacob (Bethany)	6 00	5 00
St. Paul	8 40	8 40
McGaheysville	2 40	2 40
Trinity	7 20	7 20
Rev. W. P. Huddle's pastorate:		
Mt. Nebo	9 60	8 80
To amt. of Rev. I. Conder (McGaheysville, 1914-15)		20
To amt. Conference coll. (Aged Ministers' Fund)		8 49
To amt. Conference collection (Missions)		17 16
To amt. from Salem cong. (Miss. Morgan's salary)		3 00
To amt. from F. M. Bowers (Solomon's, 1914-15)		44 00
To amt. from Jno. W. Sheetz (Mt. Calv., 1914-15)		5 50
To amt. from Rev. W. L. Darr (St. Jacob, 1914-15)		11 00
To amt. from D. F. Miller (Trinity, (1914-15)		6 60
Total		$ 623 38

1915.		Cr.	
Sept.	10.	By amt. to Rev. E. J. Sox (Lenoir scholarship, 1914-15)	$ 43 00
Sept.	10.	By amt. to Rev. E. J. Sox (Aged Ministers' Fund)	8 49
Sept.	10.	By amt. to Rev. C. K. Rhodes (salary, 1914-15)	50 00
Oct.	6.	By amt. to Rev. C. K. Rhodes (salary)	4 17
Oct.	6.	By amt. to Rev. O. W. Aderholdt (sal.)	33 33
Nov.	5.	By amt. to Rev. O. W. Aderholdt (sal.)	15 79
Dec.	13.	By amt. to J. L. Morgan (salary)	42 10
1916.			
Jan.	25.	By amt. to J. L. Morgan (salary)	29 15
Jan.	25.	By amt. to Rev. O. W. Aderholdt (sal.)	17 55
March	7.	By amt. to J. L. Morgan (salary)	44 00
May	8.	By amt. to J. L. Morgan (salary)	7 99
May	8.	By amt. to Rev. C. K. Rhodes (sal.)	19 61
June	3.	By amt. to Rev. C. K. Rhodes (sal.)	26 22
July	12.	By amt. to E. Z. Pence (salary)	33 00
July	19.	By amt. to Rev. E. J. Sox (Lenoir scholarship, 1915-16)	43 00

July	22.	By amt. to Henkel & Co., (printing)	$ 30 71	
July	27.	By amt. to Miss. E. Z. Pence (sal.)	33 66	
		Total amount paid out	$ 481 77	
By amount on hand			141 61	
			$ 623 38	$ 623 38

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. S. KERLIN, TREASURER.

Arrears 1915-16 : $2, $48, $12, $5, $30, $7.20, $2, $1.60, $5, $2, $1, $0.50, $5, $3, $30, $1, $0.80—total $156.10.

Arrears 1914-15 : $0.50, $27.50, $1, $0.80, $2.50, $11, $11, $1.30, $22.50—total $78.10.

Total arrears 1915-16 and 1914-15—$233.70.

The second subject on program, "The Importance of Catechization," was opened by Pastor Darr. Pending further discussion Conference adjourned.

At 8 p. m. our missionary E. Z. Pence preached from II. Cor. 4, 17, 18.

FIFTH SESSION.

JULY 29, 9 A. M.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. L. L. Huffman. Roll was called, and one delegate enrolled. Minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on Program for next Conference made their report which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM FOR NEXT CONFERENCE.

Your committee suggests the following subjects for discussion at the next annual meeting :

1. The Reformation an Educational Movement—Revs. P. L. Snapp and W. L. Darr.

2. The Sin against the Holy Ghost—Revs. J. W. Hausenfluck and Wm. J. Finck, D. D.

3. The Tenth Article Augsburg Confession—Revs. L. L. Huffman and C. K. Rhodes.

4. What Makes a Member of the Church? Does membership belong to the form or to the essence of the church?—Rev. I. Conder and E. Z. Pence.

5. The Importance of Catechization—Revs. P. L. Snapp and M. A. Ashby.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. STIREWALT,
P. L. SNAPP,
W. J. FINCK.

The Secretary was directed to have printed the minutes of the called meeting of Conference held Feb. 26, 1916—omitting the reports of the School Board and the Board of Missions—as an appendix to the minutes of this meeting.

Mr. C. S. Kerlin was excused from further attendance at this meeting; also Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck.

Report of Committee on Letters and Petitions was read and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PETITIONS.

We, the Committee on Letters and Petitions, beg leave to state that there is a petition presented to this Conference from St. Jacob's congregation, Shenandoah county, Va., that the next meeting of our Conference convene in that church on Thursday before the 5th Sunday of July at 10 o'clock a. m., 1917.

We recommend that this invitation be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

I. CONDER,
T. D. FOLTZ,
E. L. PRICE.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following report which was adopted.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your committee beg leave to report that the apportionment remain as it appears in Minutes of last year, namely:

Forestville pastorate: Solomon's, $48; St. Mary, (Pine), $27.60.

Rev. Dr. Stirewalt's pastorate: Rader's, $50.40; St. Paul, $18; St. John, $8.40.

Rev. W. L. Darr's pastorate: Zion, $25.20; St. Jacob, $12; Salem, $2.40.

Rev. Dr. Finck's pastorate: Emmanuel, $30; Mt. Zion, $19.20.

Manassas Mission pastorate: Bethel, $12; Trinity, $3; Catalpa, $3; Nokesville, $5.

Rev. M. A. Ashby's pastorate: St. Paul, $36; St. Luke, $6; St. Peter, $30; Rileyville, $6.

Rev. L. L. Huffman's pastorate: St. Matthew, $30; St. Stephen, $12; St. David, $10.80; Mt. Calvary, $6.

Rev. P. L. Snapp's pastorate : Mt. Calvary, $12 ; Morning Star, $15.60 ; Beth Eden, $7.20 ; Grace, $4.80.

Rev. C. K. Rhodes' pastorate : St. Jacob (Bethany), $6 ; St. Paul, $8.40 ; McGaheysville, $2.40 ; Trinity, $7.20.

Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck's pastorate : St. Paul, $30 ; Bethel, $7.20 ; Morning Star, $12 ; Powder Springs, $9.60.

Rev. W. P. Huddle's pastorate : Mt. Nebo, $9.60.

P. L. SNAPP,
CHAS. S. KERLIN,
P. J. KEYSER,
J. C. LONAS,
T. D. FOLTZ,
GEO. R. GOLLADAY,
L. L. HUFFMAN.

The following report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TREASURER'S REPORT.

We, your Committee on Treasurer's Report, beg leave to report as follows :

We have examined report, with vouchers, and find the books correct.

Respectfully submitted,
L. L. HUFFMAN,
GEO. D. BAKER,
HENRY M. HENKEL.

The following report was made and considered item by item.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSION BOARD.

We, your Committee on Report of Mission Board, report as follows :

That item 1 be sustained.

2. That at present your committee deems it inadvisable to place a second man in the field.

3. We recommend that item 3 be reversed so as to read Manassas pay $450 and Conference $350.

4. We recommend this item be sustained.

5. We recommend that article 6 be sustained.

P. L. SNAPP,
J. C. LONAS,
T. D. FOLTZ,
L. L. HUFFMAN,
GEO. R. GOLLADAY.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 were adopted. Adopted as a whole.

The special order was taken up and Rev. Wm. J. Finck, D. D., Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, D. D., Rev. L. L. Huffman, Dr. C. O. Miller, and Mr. E. M. Minnick were appointed

as a cooperating committee with a like committee from the Virginia Synod, in arranging for the contemplated 1917 celebration.

Conference adjourned with benediction by the Secretary. Dr. W. J. Finck preached from John 14, 16.

SIXTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 1.30 P. M.

Conference was opened with a song service, and prayer led by Dr. Stirewalt. Roll was called. Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Rev. I. Conder, Rev. L. L. Huffman, and D. A. Griffith were appointed by the President to nominate a Board of Missions.

A motion prevailed making it the duty of each pastor to preach a sermon on Christian Education in each of his churches at as early date as practicable.

A motion carried that Conference appropriate to the Shenandoah Lutheran Institute $100 this year, and that the Sunday-schools of this Conference be urged to raise $100 additional for the same.

REPORT OF THE COMMITITEE TO NOMINATE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

We, your committee, respectfully nominate the following as the Board of Missions: Rev. M. A. Ashby, Rev. W. J. Finck, D. D., and Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, D. D.

I. CONDER,
L. L. HUFFMAN,
D. A. GRIFFITH.

The Secretary of Conference was instructed, by motion, to cast the ballot of Conference for the nominees which was done, and they were elected.

A motion prevailed that the Secretary have printed programs of next meeting of Conference.

The Secretary was excused from the remainder of this meeting and read the minutes of the p. m. session up to this

juncture. Dr. Finck was appointed secretary *pro tem.* by the chair.

The discussion of the subjects of the program was resumed. Pastors Ashby and Huffman further discussed "The Importance of Catechization." Pastor C. K. Rhodes discussed "Our Duty towards Church Schools." Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, D. D., and Rev. I. Conder spoke on the 4th subject, 9th Article of Augsburg Confession—Baptism,—thus completing the program.

The committee appointed at St. David's to make a friendly visit to our Mt. Nebo congregation in Madison county, Pastors Snapp, Ashby, and Finck, were by motion reappointed.

The Secretary was ordered to have the usual number of copies of the Minutes printed.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, 1. That the hearty thanks of the Conference be extended to the pastor and members of Mt. Calvary Evangelical Lutheran church for the kind hospitality tendered us at this convention, both in their homes and in the pleasant precincts of this santuary; and

Resolved, 2. That these resolutions of thanks be read to the congregation at the morning service on Sunday, July 30, 1916.

The convention was closed by the President according to the order in the Church Book.

M. A. ASHBY, PRESIDENT.
W. L. DARR, SECRETARY.

SERMONS.

Thursday, 11 a. m.—Rev. J. W. Hausenfluck, John 7, 46.
Thursday, 8. p. m.—Rev. C. K. Rhodes, Heb. 2, 3.
Friday, 11 a. m.—Rev. L. L. Huffman, Jas. 4, 26, 27.
Friday, 8 p. m.—Missionary E. Z. Pence, II. Cor. 4, 17, 18.
Saturday, 11 a. m.—Rev. W. J. Finck, D. D., John 14, 16.
Saturday, 8 p. m.—Rev. C. K. Rhodes, Eph. 2, 8.
Sunday, 11 a. m.—Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, D. D., I. John 2, 1.
Sunday, 11 a. m.—Rev. I. Conder, in the grove, Heb. 9, 16.
Sunday, 2.30 p. m.—Rev. L. L. Huffman, John 8, 32.
Sunday, 8 p. m.—Rev. I. Conder, at Beth Eden.

CALLED MEETING OF CONFERENCE.

By petition of a number of our pastors, especially the School and Mission Boards, Conference convened with Rader's congregation, Timberville, Va., February 26, 1916, to consider our school and mission problems.

After a brief devotional service Conference was called to order by the Secretary in the absence of the President. The roll of ministers was called and the following responded :

ROLL OF MINISTERS.

Rev. J. P. Stirewalt, D. D., Rev. L. L. Huffman,
Rev. W. J. Finck, D. D., Rev. W. L. Darr,
Rev. D. L. Miller.

The following lay-delegates were enrolled :

ROLL OF LAY-DELEGATES.

Wm. E. Brunk, St. John's ; E. M. Minnick, Rader's ; Noah B. Holsinger, St. Paul's, (Hupp) ; N. S. Estep, Emmanuel's ; C. C. Olinger, Mt. Zion ; Geo. R. Golladay, St. David's ; Robert C. Helsley, St. Jacob's ; J. P. Arehart, Salem ; M. F. Pennywitt, St. Mary's.

Dr. Finck was asked to state the object of the meeting.

The Report of the Board of Shenandoah Lutheran Institute was submitted. It was received and considered item by item.

At 11 o'clock Conference decided to dispense with the sermon so the subjects before the body might be more fully discussed, and the subject of the school was discussed at length. A motion to continue the school to the close of the scholastic year was adopted. It was further moved and carried, that the pastors of Conference canvass their congregations to secure funds for the maintenance of the school until the close of the present term, and that the President of Conference appoint an active layman in each vacant congregation to do this work.

A recess was taken and a sumptuous dinner served.

The Board of Missions made their report, which received careful consideration; and the following motion was adopted: Moved that Conference increase its appropriation to the Manassas mission $50, and that the Mission Board urge the mission to increase a like amount.

The following vote of thanks was unanimously adopted: Moved that the hearty thanks of this Conference be and are hereby extended to the pastor, choir, members and friends of this (Rader's) congregation for the most excellent entertainment given us, and that the pastor of the congregation make the usual disposition of this motion at the first Sunday morning service after the adjournment of Conference.

The closing service was according to the form in the Church Book with prayer and benediction by the acting president, Dr. J. P. Stirewalt.

W. L. DARR, SECRETARY.

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